

Ken Cates, U.S. Army and U.S. Coast Guard, Retired with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service and devotion to the military, his nation, and his community speak to the best of our Texas' altruistic spirit.

Heeding the call to serve, SFC Cates entered the military in 1988. During this time, he completed many heroic missions which included over 120 emergency combat responses as Operations Center Manager, 150 coordinated executive leader engagement missions, and 15 natural disaster responses. Throughout his military career, he applied his tremendous talents and energies to the defense of our great nation.

SFC Cates closed out twenty-seven years of military service in 2015. While many would embrace a life of retirement, he still displays his loyal and selfless nature by providing aid to Veterans in the Fort Hood Area. SFC Cates currently works for the Fort Hood Area Habitat for Humanity and is working to support a veterans housing establishment in his area. His commitment to investing his gifts, talents, and abilities to improve his community has not gone unnoticed. In 2019, Cates was named a "Hometown Hero" by the Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce and the 2019 NEXEN Hero.

I proudly join SFC Ken Cates' friends, family, and colleagues in saluting his selfless service to the military and his beloved Texas home. His work brings to life Gandhi's words, that "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." I congratulate SFC Ken Cates and thank him for his service.

HONORING TYRE PHILLIPS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable community servant Mr. Tyre Phillips.

Tyre Phillips was born in Grenada, Mississippi, which is known as the city that smiles, in January of 1997. Tyre is the son of James and Jusquylynn Phillips of Grenada, MS. He is also a member of Open Door Abundant Life Church of Apostolic Faith in Charleston, MS, where his father is the pastor.

Phillips received his high school diploma in 2015. After graduation, he went to East Mississippi Community College (EMCC) in Scooba, MS, where he gained a full ride scholarship in football. Phillips started both years at EMCC. After the two years, he graduated from EMCC and received a full ride scholarship to go play football at Mississippi State University.

January 2017, Phillips began going to Mississippi State. His first season there he was redshirted, which later down the road he called "the best thing I ever could have done." During his junior year, he played at both tackle positions as part of an offensive line rotation. During his senior year, he started all 13 games the Bulldogs played in. Phillips played in the 2020 Senior Bowl after his senior season. During his time at Mississippi State University, he became a member of Omega Psi Phi Incorporated and he received SEC honors. Phillips then graduated from Mississippi State

University with his Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Science with Child Youth Development.

After graduation, Phillips then started training for the NFL combine. He was soon drafted by the Baltimore Ravens in the third round with the 106th overall pick of the 2020 NFL Draft. During training camp, he shifted from tackle to offensive guard for the starting job at the start of the season despite dealing with an ankle injury. Phillips started 8 games and played 12 games overall his rookie year as a Raven. Phillips is now entering his second year as a Raven and he is now battling for a starting position for this upcoming season.

During the off season, Phillips offers music lessons to children in the community. He also assists in local football camps for aspiring athletic youth. Next year, Phillips will be starting his own camp, investing in young men in his community, as many from the city of Grenada did for him.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Tyre Phillips for his dedication and tenacity to serving his community and desire to be an example for all.

IN CELEBRATION OF HENRY THACKER "HARRY" BURLEIGH

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the contributions of Henry Thacker "Harry" Burleigh of the great state of New York. The newly christened Harry T. Burleigh Place in Gramercy Park celebrates a man who dedicated his life to enhancing lives through music singing, composing and social justice. This well-deserving recognition honors the indelible impact Mr. Burleigh, known widely as the Father of Spiritual Music, left on New York and communities around the world.

Born in 1866 and growing up in Erie, Pennsylvania as a young African-American baritone singer, Harry Burleigh traveled to New York City and applied to the National Conservatory of Music to study with well-known Director and composer, Antonin Dvorak. His exceptional talent was recognized, and a scholarship awarded to Mr. Burleigh in 1892 enabled him to gain experience editing recordings and developing his classical spirituals. One of these was "Deep River" a spiritual composition from 1917 which is recognized all over the world to this day.

Tragically, Mr. Burleigh's life was spent under the heinous abuses of Jim Crow, and the systemic discrimination of "separate but equal" endemic to it. Yet in the face of these challenges to his rights and liberties, Mr. Burleigh always led with his talents and tireless work ethic, earning him many glowing accomplishments throughout his life. In 1894, Mr. Burleigh auditioned at St. George's Episcopal Church at 4 Rutherford Place in Manhattan, which still stands proudly today within my district and holds concerts celebrating Burleigh's compositions annually. Church member J.P. Morgan insisted that St. George's hire Mr. Burleigh, and so became the church's Choral Director. He would continue to introduce and play his classical spir-

itual music there for 52 years. Concurrently he integrated Temple Emanu-El, now Congregation Emanu-El, for a quarter of a century. In 1895, Mr. Burleigh made it a point to personally test the strength of newly passed civil rights laws in New York by asking for service at 25 establishments.

From 1908 onward, he sang for King Edward VII in London, performed on Mayor La Guardia's weekly radio show Talk to the People, and composed over 200 pieces encompassing the classical spiritual music genre. The renowned Dvorak' Symphony No. 9 (From the New World) credits the incorporation and soulfulness of Burleigh's spiritual works. Mr. Burleigh was also a distinguished chartered member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) bestowed with great public honors. He received the 1917 N.A.A.C.P. Spingarn Achievement Medal, and honorary Doctorate of Music from Howard University and Atlanta University in 1920. In addition, Mr. Burleigh mentored Paul Robeson, Marian Anderson, Roland Hayes and Enrico Caruso who would go on to make their own exciting contributions to our nation's musical story.

Mr. Burleigh's legacy of social justice lives on through The Harry T. Burleigh Society. Formed in 2017, the society continues Burleigh's important legacy of disrupting boundaries and challenging social norms to address issues of our time. The Center for Peace, Equity & Justice at Friends Seminary School in New York City, coordinated an education/postcard campaign that was sent to Community Board Six in Manhattan, further highlighting his importance in American social justice to our beloved city.

The co-naming on September 12, 2021 at the South East corner of 16th Street and Third Avenue, Harry T. Burleigh Place, stands now as a testament to his important work as a baritone soloist, choral director, music arranger, editor, mentor, and a New York Community leader.

Harry Burleigh contributed so much to New York and the world, adding his sonorous and unique brand of spiritual signing to our ever-growing chorus of American culture. I am pleased to add my own voice to that chorus today in recognition and remembrance of this great man.

HONORING REV. ISIAH JACKSON, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant Reverend Isiah Jackson, Jr.

Rev. Jackson began his formal education at Rogers High School in Canton, Mississippi, where he received his high school diploma in 1965. He attended Prentiss Junior College for two years and completed his undergraduate education at Alcorn State University, where he attained a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education in 1973.

Before becoming a Minister of the Gospel, Rev. Jackson taught in the Canton Public School System for years. Other experience consists of working as Supervisor I, Madison